

# Engel and Becker Hit Georgetown Safe---Phillies Here To-day

## NATIONALS LAND OPENING ENCOUNTER

Georgetown No Match for the Big Leaguers—Score Is 6 to 1.

### JOE ENGEL IS IN FORM

Local Boys Pitch Good Ball, Becker Going to the Box in the Sixth Inning.

By C. W. SWAN.

Sixteen of Clark Griffith's Nationals had little trouble defeating the Georgetown College yesterday in the opening game of the exhibition season in the Concrete Coliseum, 6 to 1, with two local boys, Joe Engel and "Buck" Becker, serving them over.

A big crowd braved the threatening weather to get their first glimpse of the new Nationals, and they were rewarded in full, as Manager Griffith trotted most of his Yankigans on the field before the nine innings had been played.

Dan Moeller, the Rochester recruit, proved the sensation, and the speedy Eastern Leaguer delighted the fans several times with his fast work on the path, and many complimentary remarks were heard after the game regarding this youngster.

As Manager Griffith had announced, Joe Engel, the long-legged pitcher, started in the box for the Nationals. He was in the best form he has displayed so far, allowing the Hilltoppers but three scattered singles, fanning five, and passing two. The former sand-lotter showed fine speed, and his curve ball broke nicely.

### White to the Mound.

Jim Sprigman, commander-in-chief of the Georgetown forces, figured that big Dave White, hurler of the deadly bean ball, was due to arrive with a crash, and on the strength of that belief, sent the dashing full back to the hill, but to no avail, as the mighty wielder of the wagon tongue under salary to Manager Griffith, took the mound for a trio of bingles during the four rounds he worked, which, together with a pair of passes and a couple of errors, was enough to send three big white tallies over the counting station.

The husky Blue and Gray twirler deserves a good bit of credit for holding the big leaguers to three hits, and while the professional had no real batting practice against curve pitching, still the Georgetown slubman was facing several 300 clouters in Dan Johnson's circuit, and that he held them down to a trio of singles speaks well for his prowess on the mound.

"Chris Feinle, who replaced White in the fifth was warmly greeted by the regulars, three singles, coupled with an error and a bad throw, netting Griffith's athletes another pair of clouters. The star hurler of the Bankers, although getting off to a bad start, came back strong in the sixth, and the start Becker showed. The regulars had scored another run in the seventh.

"Buck" Becker, the "pride of the navy yard," was sent in to do the honors by Boss Griff in the sixth, and had the collegians eating out of his hand, the lads from the West End institution being completely baffled by the twirler's cut loose. The port-sider, who showed a curve ball that was utterly lacking from his repertoire last summer. The tall southpaw had the Blue and Gray hit topper up a tree when the start Becker showed. Manager Griffith said that he is still in the ring, and the "Old Fox" will look him over several times before sending him to Rochester or any other minor league club.

### Flynn Gets Two Hits.

Jack Flynn, first sacker extraordinary, was the only National to crack out a pair of bingles, one to left and the other to right field. Flynn dug up the dirt around the initial station in great shape, handling six hard chances in a Hal Chase, and in every way conducting himself as a real big league first sacker.

Germany Schaefer, ever smiling, was out in right field, close to the works, and he had them going from the start. Germany managed to snap several pictures of the pavilionites, and also introduced "Buck" Becker to the throng.

The most pleasant surprise to the faithful was Mild Bill Cunningham. "Cunny" is in great shape, down to playing weight and having a good swing at the bat. Bill greeted the first ball pitched with a neat swipe, the pill landing out in center field for a single.

Neither Mulhoney nor Lynch, who did the receiving for the Hilltoppers, seemed able to hold the ball, and two of the Nationals' runs can be attributed to this. The former Mount St. Joseph backstop allowed Henry to steal in the second round, while "Spike" had several passed balls at the wrong time.

Hollender and Cogan put up neat games in the field, the former snatching a stop and throw of McBride's hard smash in the eighth, while Capt. Billy snagged Schaefer's long fly in the first round in the most approved fashion.

### Fans First Man.

When Umpire Eddie Handboe called "Play," Joe Engel, of Congressional fame, wound up, and the ball went past Hollender like a shot, "Umps" Handboe promptly calling it a strike, and two more of the same variety quickly went over the plate, and the first man was out via the fast route. Capt. Cogan, however, picked the pill, and brought up with a ruck at the initial station, getting the first hit of the game and incidentally the first safe away in National Park for the 1912 season. Sittlering and Pury were easy for the big leaguers.

The Nationals came back strong, Milan out, White to O'Connor, and Dugan making a great catch of Schaefer's fly. Dan Moeller, the speedy lad from Rochester, walked, and when Jack Flynn singled to right, brought up at third. Bill Cunningham then sent the first ball pitched to left field for a single, counting Moeller, and was thrown out himself when McBride hit to Hollender.

Two more tallies were registered by the Nationals in the second, when "Kid" Foster was safe off Davis' high leg to O'Connor, stole second, and scored on Henry's clout to center field. Engel sacrificed Colburn John to second, and John made it third while White was throwing out Milan. Mulhoney then let a speedy one go through him, and Henry counted. Schaefer ended the inning by pitching to Davis.

Georgetown's best mark came in the third. After Dave White had been thrown out by Engel, Hollender walked, rambling to second while Cogan was being retired, Henry to Flynn, Billy Sittlering, the distinctive outfielder of the Blue and Gray, smashed the ball through

## IS OUT OF GAME.



HOWARD SHANKS, Nationals' young outfielder, who is suffering from tonsillitis.

the box at a mile a minute clip, and Hollender scamped over the plate with Georgetown's run. From then on good fellows fell to the lot of the Hilltoppers.

### Last Run in Fifth.

In the fifth, after Engel had whiffed at three, Clyde Milan shot a single over second base and stole second, going to third when Cogan let the throw get away, and counted on Moeller's single. Schaefer having been retired on a foul fly in the meantime, Moeller again stole a second, and trotted over the plate when Flynn bounced his second hit through the infield. Cunningham ended the inning by going out, Feinle to O'Connor.

The final run came in the sixth, when McBride walked, went to second on a wild pitch, and scored when "Spike" Lynch slammed the ball into right field, trying to get Morgan at first.

### The Score.

WASHINGTON, AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Milan, cf.	1	0	0	0	0
Moeller, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0
Schaefer, rf.	1	0	0	0	0
Long, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0
Moeller, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0
Flynn, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0
Spencer, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0
Cunningham, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0
Schaefer, 1b.	1	0	0	0	0
McBride, ss.	1	0	0	0	0
Foster, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0
Morgan, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0
Henry, c.	1	0	0	0	0
Feinle, c.	1	0	0	0	0
Engel, p.	1	0	0	0	0
Becker, p.	1	0	0	0	0
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## HOPE FALCONER TO ENTER PRO. RANKS

Former Technical High Star Signs with the Jacksonville Club.

### OTHER AMATEUR GOSSIP

Hope Falconer, who will be remembered for his work while playing first base for the Technical High team in 1909, has signed with the Jacksonville club of the South Atlantic League.

Falconer is at present employed in the city engineer's department in Jacksonville and for that reason is keeping the fact that he has signed dark, the sporting writers simply calling him the "unknown." Hope played good ball around the District, being a member of the Ninth team of the Sunday School League and also holding down the initial position on several other fast amateur organizations.

L. H. Wolff, sporting editor of the Florida Times Union, has the following to say about Hope:

"The other applicant for the first base job is in the city; in fact, has been here for some time, but as he is otherwise employed just at the present he does not wish his name made public until he gives his employer notice that he is going after a baseball job for the summer. This new first base aspirant certainly looks the part of an initial corker."

"He is over six feet tall; weighs 155 pounds, and, believe me, he has a scrap book full of press notices that would warrant him being given a trial with Connie Mack's Athletics. The young man comes from Jacksonville, where he played on the same team with Menefee, the young catcher who went from Augusta to Chattanooga, and Robertson and Gelboe, the swell little battery now the property of the Savannah club."

"The notices carried around by the young man show him to be a hitter par excellence and it may be that Percy Wilder has found a 'diamond' during the last ten days. However, as we have stated above, the late applicant for the initial corner will have to show something extraordinary to take the bug away from George Whitted, who delivered the goods in fifty style last season."

President Waters, of the Railroad Y. M. C. League, has invited Manager Griffith, of the Nationals, to be the guest of honor at the baseball smoker that will take place to-night in the association rooms in Union Station, and it is understood the Nationals' leader will be on hand.

The Railroad Y. M. C. A. diamond has been greatly improved, and everything is ready for the opening of the season. As President Waters stated last night that the H. & O. office would more than likely have a team in the race.

"Curly" Brown, the local twirler, is requested to drop in this office some time to-night, as there is a letter here for him.

Harry Stagb, the young southpaw who made good records in the Capital City League last year, has signed with the National Athletic Club, of the Independent League. Stagb is a pitcher who has control and good breaking curves, and will no doubt be a big help to Manager Gauza.

W. Molleux, a pitcher, is a two other good men who have signed to play with the Nationals. Platt has an iron whip and is a good receiver, while Molleux is a good pitcher and a play man; his position he is called upon to play.

With these kind of men on the team the Nationals are sure to make a bid for the pennant.

The Nationals will play the strong Northern Athletic Club Sunday on the Potomac grounds, at 2:30 o'clock. Manager Gauza is planning to work his entire squad in this game with a view of cutting it down to fifteen men. The players are urged to report early.

David J. Davies, of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, pulls the following on Mickey Keilher, the local boy:

"Mickey Keilher's colors have been lowered—and by Cammits at that. Mickey believed he was some twirler, and during a bunch of horsplay at the park he grabbed Howard and tried to throw him into the bushes. The local boy, however, whereupon the latter demanded another trial. The result of this encounter was the same, and Mickey's performance was obliged to admit that there was one better twirler than he in the city."

Mickey is rapidly gaining his batting eye, and promises to give "Dot" Miller a run for the first base job. C. W. SWAN.

### CUBS BEAT NASHVILLE

#### Toney Holds Southern Leaguers Safe, Winning, 6 to 3.

Nashville, Tenn., March 27.—Fred Toney, who resides in Nashville when not pasturing, was sent to the mound by Manager Schaefer to-day, and with the assistance of the Cub regulars trimmed the local Southern League team, 6 to 3. The locals got to Toney for six hits and three runs in the first four innings. Thereafter Toney steadied and fanned ten and issued but one pass. The locals blew up in the seventh, and the Cub scored four runs. Chance's aggregation left to-night for Louisville, where they are scheduled to play six days.

### BONDS OFF FORM.

#### Famous Cleveland Templan Team Falls to Score.

Pateron, N. J., March 27.—The famous Bonds team of Cleveland winners of the five-men feature in the National Bowling tournament last year rolled to-night in the bowling tournament in progress here. The team were off form and the best they could gather was a total of 2,704. The Elm City team, of New Haven, Conn., rolled into third place, clouting the pins for a 2,800 score. The Grand Central, of Rochester, lead the group with 2,997. H. Otten and H. P. Meyer of Hoboken, jumped into the lead in the two-men feature this afternoon. They totaled 1,250.

In the individual contest the five leaders are Leo Lucke, Brooklyn, 60; J. Beecher, Monticello, N. Y., 65; P. Britt, Rochester, 66; Albert Schelke, New York, 68, and Henry Gauss, Elizabeth, 68.

Miss Campbell Beats Miss Fowkes. Pinehurst, N. C., March 27.—Miss Dorothy Campbell, the Canadian champion, defeated Miss Sarah Fowkes, Jr., to-day in the women's event of the annual United North and South Golf Championship Tournament, and Miss Kate Van Ostrand advanced on the defeat of Mrs. Raymond Parr, of Georgetown, D. C. As a result, Miss Campbell and Miss Van Ostrand will meet to-morrow in the upper half of the bracket in the semi-final round.

## PHILLIES GREAT SHORTSTOP.



MIKE DOOLIN, who will play against Nationals here to-day and Friday.

## OUTLAWS LEASE BALL PARK HERE

Union League Grounds Are Rented by President Witman.

That Washington will be represented in the United States League was an assured fact yesterday, when President William Abbott Witman not only leased the Union League Park, at Fifteenth and H streets northeast, for one year, starting May 1, but paid the rent for the park in advance.

Mr. Witman also announced that the holdings of Hugh McKinnon had been purchased by Kohl Miller, former manager of the Jacksonville club of the South Atlantic League, and that Mr. Miller would be at the head of the Washington club.

It really begins to look now as if the outlaw league would start business. Manager Miller stated that he had already gathered together all the players he needed, and that they would report here April 15.

According to President Witman, the United States League season will start May 1. He said the schedule would be released for publication probably next Sunday.

"There will be but few conflicting dates for Washington," declared the outlaw's president. Every manager in the league has sufficient capital to carry on his club for one year, and none of them figure upon making any money. But we will demonstrate that we are here to stay and let us promise Washington fans some first class baseball."

Howard Shanks, the speedy outfielder obtained from the Youngstown club of the O. and P. League, is also in bed with tonsillitis. Shanks complained of a sore throat in Charlottesville Tuesday, and upon his arrival in the Capital it was thought best to summon Dr. Lapsley, the club's physician, as soon as the squad reached town. Shanks' ailment was diagnosed as tonsillitis, and the young man spent yesterday in bed. It is doubtful if Shanks will be able to don a uniform for several days.

This is the reason he did not play left field yesterday when the Yankigans took up the work where the veterans left off.

Jack Ryan last night received word from the University of Virginia baseball management that the Charlottesville collegians would like to have him coach their team beginning April 5.

There is just the possibility that the veteran will not care to take the job, as Virginia basketball teams slightly lower than the amateur club right now than the one representing the Capital under Jimmy McAleer last year.

It is true the Nationals have not started hitting yet, but that is bound to come. There is no denying the fact that the present club is faster, and the beauty of it all is that it is composed for the most part of youngsters, who are going ahead and not sliding back.

Joe Engel's exhibition against Georgetown was better than Manager Griffith or any of the pitcher's friends had hoped. The local boy has been bothered with a lame arm for nearly two weeks. He showed more stuff yesterday than at any time during the training in Charlottesville.

"Alexander the Great" will twist three innings for the Phillies to-day's game. Capital fans have never seen this twirler in action.

Rhode Island A. C. Organizes. The Rhode Island Athletic Club, claimants of the sixteen-year-old championship last year, have reorganized under the management of Harry N. Ball and are open to play all teams in their class. Address, 115 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

It looks as if the United States League would start doing business, anyway. President Witman called around for the Athletics' series as well.

### STENOGRAPHERS ARE EASY.

Gallaudet Defeats Business High School by 7 to 3.